ISU Pharmacy students have a reputation of being involved in community service projects and student representatives were honored for their efforts with five awards from the APhA-ASP annual convention held in San Francisco March 16-19.

The contingent of students who attended the convention returned to campus with the 2005 Region 7 Operation Diabetes Award, 2005 Operation Diabetes Certificate of Recognition, 2005 Operation Immunization Certificate of Recognition, 2005 Heartburn Awareness Challenge Certificate of Recognition and honors for a greater than 90% student membership in the ISU ASP Chapter.

“Students did a great job representing Idaho State,” Dean Joseph Steiner said.

Student involvement in diabetes education began a few years ago when Dr. Cindy Wilson, associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences, implemented the program, including a campus health fair aimed at educating the public of the disease. Pharmacy students, along with Wilson, dubbed the project “Operation Diabetes.”

In addition to diabetes education, students host heartburn awareness, immunization and poison prevention clinics.

During the 2004-05 academic year 78 students, together with guidance from 14 members of the College’s faculty spent almost 600 volunteer hours to screen 231 patients and educate 677 children and adults through the course of 17 events and student projects.

To provide continued support to our students, the College of Pharmacy has established the “Operation Diabetes Fund” to which tax-deductible contributions can be made through the ISU Foundation, and directed exclusively to supporting Pharmacy students in the advancement of this program. Donations may be made by contacting Dan Dean, pharmacy director of development at 208-889-3655.

Third-year pharmacy student, Jesse Owen, competed in the APhA-ASP Patient Skills Competition, earning a spot in the top ten among students nation-wide.

Prior to attending the competition, students sponsored a “Dress in Drag” competition fund raiser where male faculty and staff members agreed to don women’s apparel to support travel expenses to the competition. The two men with the highest bids placed on them by students and colleagues dressed up for a Student Senate meeting. Drs. Vaughn Culbertson and James Bigelow earned the most bids, and followed through with their commitment to help raise funds for APhA-ASP students.

Dress in Drag organizers and winners of the student fund raiser are, (l to r), Alisa Stewart, P3, Dr. Vaughn Culbertson, Dr. James Bigelow and Denise Evey, P3.
Getting to know the three T’s of alumni involvement with the COP

by Dan Dean
Director of Development

The situation: Meeting with ISU College of Pharmacy alumni.
The question: “What is your job?”
The answer: T3!!

In just five short months I have had the privilege of meeting over sixty alumni and as I look forward to my April trips to Salt Lake City, Rexburg, Boise, and Coeur d’Alene I will continue to answer your questions, “Why are you calling?” and “Why do you want to meet?” with my T3 response: I want to meet with alumni to develop Time, Talent, and Treasure for the College of Pharmacy. Time that you spend in advisory roles such as precepting and Advisory Council; Talent that you can share with current students about the multiple roles pharmacists must juggle; and Treasure is the financial support you generously send to Idaho State University.

I have met with retired pharmacists, preceptors, retail pharmacists, Dean’s advisory council members, and business owners. The common denominator is that you, Idaho State University alumni, are interested in making the profession better by supporting your alma mater. Your commitment to the pharmacy profession, and to our university, is amazing and appreciated. So when I call - you know I want to talk about T3! Thank you in advance for considering what Time, Talent, and Treasure you have to offer.

In ISU College of Pharmacy alumni and spouses joined Dean Joseph and Dr. Susan Steiner (left) on March 30 for a performance by the Utah Symphony at the L. E. and Thelma E. Stephens Performing Art Center. Attendees include (l to r) Walt, ‘56, and Kay Luhr, Leonard, ‘51, and Ellie Lombardi and Moana and Nile, ‘56, Boyle.

take time to join us...
College of Pharmacy & ISU events

- The Wasatch Range Alumni Banquet, Saturday, April 8, Buca di Beppo - Salt Lake City, 6:30 p.m. social, 7 p.m. dinner, RSVP-ASAP at 208-282-4597 or kal@otc.isu.edu
- ISU College of Pharmacy Graduation Banquet, Friday, May 12, Holiday Inn, Pocatello, 6 p.m., $15 per person, contact Rae for more information, 208-282-3475.
- College of Pharmacy All-Class Reunion, June 16 & 17, Pocatello, has been postponed - plans are in the works for a 2007 reunion.
Tell us a little about yourself, family, career. Have you received a recent promotion, awards or changes jobs? Has your family expanded, adding future Bengals to the pack? What are some of the exciting experiences you have had the opportunity to explore. What have you been doing since you left the College of Pharmacy? Any fond memories of ISU? May we help you find a former classmate? We want to keep in touch with our esteemed alumni, so let us know how you have been doing so we can share with other alums in an upcoming Refill e-letter or Pharmacy Bulletin.